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## Statement of Support for City of Costa Mesa's Legal Action to Temporarily Halt Use of Fairview Developmental Center as COVID-19 Quarantine Facility

(Santa Ana, CA) – The OC Health Care Agency (HCA) today issued a statement of support for the City of Costa Mesa's <u>legal action</u>, taken yesterday, to temporarily halt a plan by state and federal agencies to use the Fairview Developmental Center as a location to quarantine individuals from the Diamond Princess cruise ship who have tested positive for COVID-19 (novel coronavirus).

"Protecting the well-being and maintaining the safety of all Orange County residents is our highest priority," said Orange County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Michelle Steel. "I support Costa Mesa's request to halt the transfer of coronavirus patients by the Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention until we have all the information to ensure all the adequate and necessary safeguards and precautions are established."

The HCA was notified late Thursday evening of the state's potential intent to transfer positive cases from Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield, California to state-owned Fairview in Costa Mesa, California and told the transportation, monitoring, and care of these individuals would be entirely managed by state and federal representatives. Since then, we have not been provided crucial details such as an operational plan or proposed scope of services.

"As the local health department, it is our hope that we can engage in a more thoughtful and robust collaboration with our colleagues at the state and federal level to ensure the health and safety of Orange County residents is protected and next steps are clearly communicated to the public," said Dr. Nichole Quick, County Health Officer.

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